

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. The total number of tires originally requested by all users in East Germany in their returns for 1953 was 2,042,000, necessitating a consumption of 24,086 tons of synthetic and 2,962 tons of natural rubber in manufacture. This figure was cut by the State Planning Commission to an "acknowledged requirement" of 1,106,600 tires for which 13,224 tons of synthetic and 1,672 tons of natural rubber were needed. These figures were, however, reduced in their passage through the Office for the Coordination of Industry to the original planned figures of 1953 with a total of 870,000 tires, involving the consumption of 10,362 tons of synthetic and 1,318 tons of natural rubber.
2. In the State Administration for Materials Procurement, it was felt that this reduction was too drastic and an attempt was to be made to persuade the head of the Office for the Coordination of Industry, Heinrich Rau, to compromise on a total figure of 990,000 tires, the extra amounts of synthetic rubber (2,760 tons) and natural rubber (360 tons) to be found by a reduction of 3,000 tons in the planned export to the USSR (28,000 to 25,000 tons) on the one hand, and of 365 tons (1,165 to 800 tons) for the National Reserve on the other.
3. Attached as Annex A, is an analysis of the computations involved in these planning procedures together with data on the composition of the first four groups of tires (motorcycle, passenger car, truck and heavy tractor) as they appeared in the "acknowledged requirements" list.

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Annex AAnalysis of East German Tire Production Plan, 1953

| <u>Type of Tire</u> | <u>Total Requirements</u> | <u>Acknowledged Requirements</u> | <u>Planned East German Production</u> | <u>Shortages</u>             |                                     | <u>Raw Material Requirements in Natural (N) and Synthetic (B) Rubber - in Metric Tons</u> |          |                     |               |                     |               |                   |               |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
|                     |                           |                                  |                                       | <u>On Total Requirements</u> | <u>On Acknowledged Requirements</u> | <u>Per</u>  |          | <u>Total</u>        |               | <u>Acknowledged</u> |               | <u>Planned</u>    |               |
|                     |                           |                                  |                                       |                              |                                     | <u>000 Tires</u>  |          | <u>Requirements</u> |               | <u>Requirements</u> |               | <u>Production</u> |               |
|                     |                           |                                  |                                       |                              |                                     | <u>N</u>  | <u>B</u> | <u>N</u>            | <u>B</u>      | <u>N</u>            | <u>B</u>      | <u>N</u>          | <u>B</u>      |
| Motorcycle          | 350,000                   | 165,000                          | 110,000                               | 240,000                      | 55,600                              | 0.3   | 2.2      | 105                 | 770           | 50                  | 365           | 33                | 243           |
| Passenger cars      | 560,000                   | 360,500                          | 300,000                               | 260,000                      | 60,500                              | 0.5   | 5.0      | 280                 | 2,800         | 180                 | 1,808         | 150               | 1,502         |
| Truck               | 850,000                   | 519,900                          | 417,000                               | 433,000                      | 102,900                             | 2.5   | 18.2     | 2,125               | 15,470        | 1,300               | 9,465         | 1,042             | 7,594         |
| Heavy tractor       | 137,000                   | 47,600                           | 30,000                                | 107,000                      | 17,600                              | 2.8   | 31.9     | 384                 | 4,370         | 133                 | 1,521         | 84                | 958           |
| Solid               | 35,000                    | 7,000                            | 7,000                                 | 28,000                       | -                                   | 1.0   | 5.1      | 35                  | 178           | 7                   | 36            | 7                 | 36            |
| Miscellaneous       | 110,000                   | 6,000                            | 6,000                                 | 104,000                      | -                                   | 0.3   | 4.8      | 33                  | 528           | 2                   | 29            | 2                 | 29            |
| <b>Totals</b>       | <b>2,042,000</b>          | <b>1,106,600</b>                 | <b>870,000</b>                        | <b>1,172,000</b>             | <b>236,600</b>                      |   |          | <b>2,962</b>        | <b>24,086</b> | <b>1,672</b>        | <b>13,224</b> | <b>1,318</b>      | <b>10,362</b> |

Breakdown of Acknowledged Requirements List

|                   | <u>Motorcycle</u> | <u>Passenger Car</u> | <u>Truck</u>   | <u>Heavy Tractor</u> | <u>Totals</u>    |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Initial Equipment | 120,000           | 174,900              | 164,200        | 17,600               | 476,700          |
| Spares            | 33,600            | 135,600              | 213,700        | 29,000               | 411,900          |
| National Reserves | 12,000            | 50,000               | 142,000        | 1,000                | 205,000          |
|                   | <b>165,600</b>    | <b>360,500</b>       | <b>519,900</b> | <b>47,600</b>        | <b>1,093,600</b> |

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